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## **Idaho Foodsize Trout Sales Increase in 2004**

Idaho foodsize trout (trout 12 inches and longer) sales during 2004 totaled \$32.3 million, up 21 percent from the \$26.6 million in 2003, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of foodsize fish sold was 37.0 million, up 9 percent from the 34.0 million sold a year ago. Total pounds sold in 2004 were 40.4 million pounds, compared to 34.6 million pounds in 2003.

Nationally, the number of foodsize trout sold during 2004 totaled 47.5 million fish, up 3 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.04, unchanged from 2003. The value of sales for the 2004 marketing year was 57.1 million dollars, up 8 percent from 2003. Based on the dollar value, 72 percent were sold to processors and 18 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments.

The total value of all sales, both fish and eggs, received by trout growers in the 20 selected States totaled 68.7 million dollars during 2004, an increase of 7 percent from 2003. Sales of fish totaled 63.9 million dollars for 2004, while egg sales totaled 4.83 million dollars. The State of Idaho accounted for 51 percent of the total value of fish sold.

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